



# Uncertainty Quantification and Reliability Analysis-Based Design Optimization Capabilities in DAKOTA

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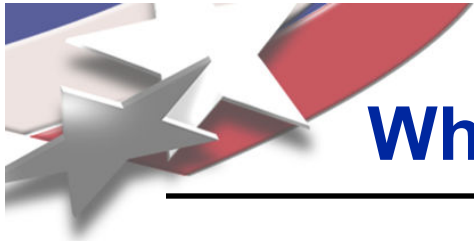
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# Why Uncertainty Quantification (UQ)?

Need to design systems given uncertain/variable material properties, manufacturing processes, operating conditions, models, measurements...

*Uncertainty must be properly modeled to quantify risk and design robust and reliable systems.*

## Aleatory / irreducible

inherent variability with sufficient data  
(probabilistic models)

VS.

## Epistemic / reducible

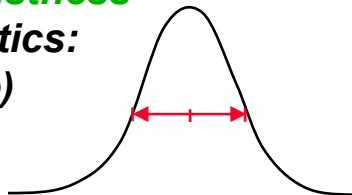
uncertainty from lack of knowledge  
(non-probabilistic models)

Employ a **UQ-based approach** to optimization under uncertainty (OUU)

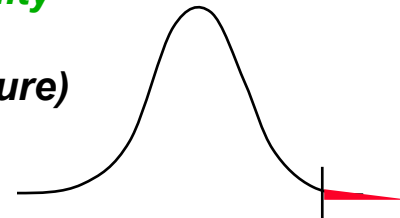
- safety factors, multiple operating conditions, local sensitivities insufficient
- tailor OUU methods to strengths of different UQ approaches

OUU methods encompass both:

**design for robustness**  
(moment statistics:  
mean, variance)



**design for reliability**  
(tail statistics:  
probability of failure)





# Uncertainty-Aware Design

Rather than designing and then post-processing to evaluate uncertainty...

*Standard NLP*

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & f(d) \\ \text{subject to} & g_l \leq g(d) \leq g_u \\ & h(d) = h_t \\ & d_l \leq d \leq d_u\end{array}$$

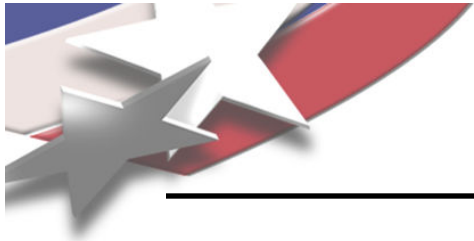
...actively design while accounting for uncertainty/reliability metrics

*Augment with general response statistics  $s_u$  (e.g.  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$ , or reliability  $z/\beta/p$ ) with linear map*

$$\begin{array}{ll}\text{minimize} & f(d) + W s_u(d) \\ \text{subject to} & g_l \leq g(d) \leq g_u \\ & h(d) = h_t \\ & d_l \leq d \leq d_u \\ & a_l \leq A_i s_u(d) \leq a_u \\ & A_e s_u(d) = a_t\end{array}$$

***Focus on large-scale simulation-based engineering applications:***

- mostly PDE-based, often transient, some agent-based/discrete event models
- response mappings (fns. and constraints) are nonlinear and implicit



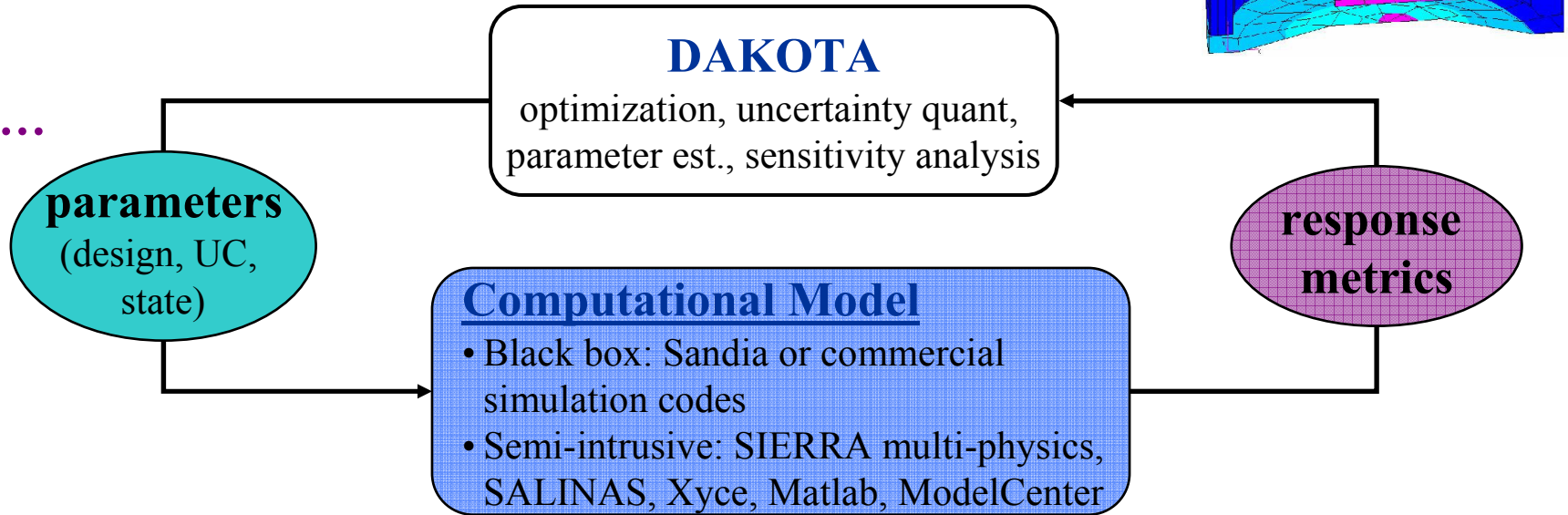
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- **Example problem – MEMS**
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# DAKOTA Overview

*iterative  
analysis...*



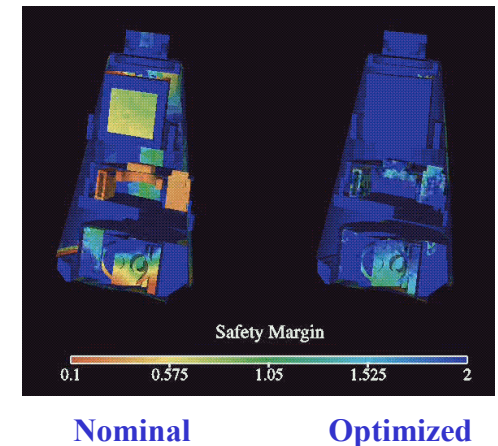
## Goal: answer fundamental engineering questions

- What is the best design? How safe is it?
- How much confidence do I have in my answer?

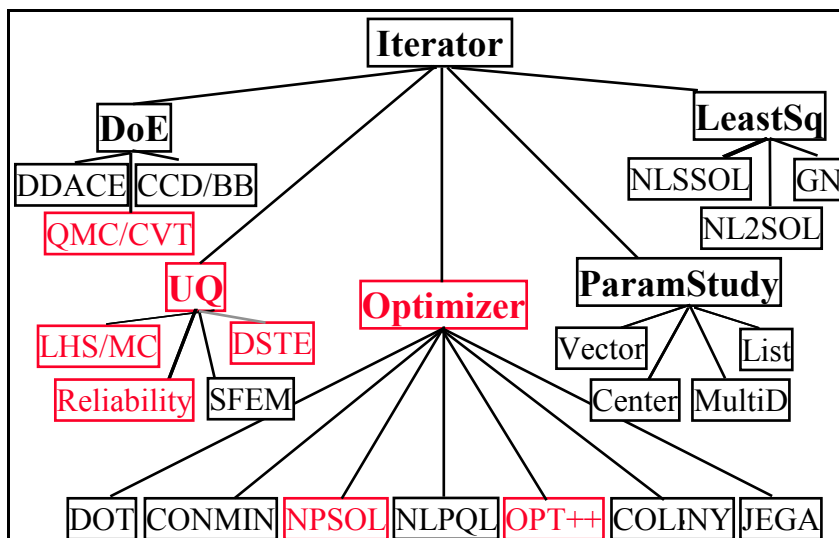
## Challenges

- **Software:** reuse tools and common interfaces
- **Algorithm R&D:** nonsmooth/discontinuous/multimodal, mixed variables, unreliable gradients, costly sim. failures
- **Scalable parallelism:** ASCI-scale apps & architectures

**Impact:** Tool for DOE labs and external partners, broad application deployment, free via GNU GPL (~3000 download registrations)



# DAKOTA Framework



## Model:

Parameters →

Interface →

Responses

## Design

continuous  
discrete

## Uncertain

normal/logn  
uniform/logu  
triangular  
beta/gamma  
EV I, II, III  
histogram  
interval

## State

continuous  
discrete

## Application

system  
fork  
direct  
grid

## Approximation

global  
polynomial 1/2/3, NN,  
kriging, MARS, RBF  
multipoint – TANA3  
local – Taylor series  
hierarchical

## Functions

objectives  
constraints  
least sq. terms  
generic

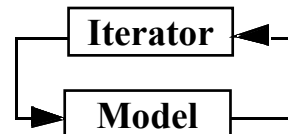
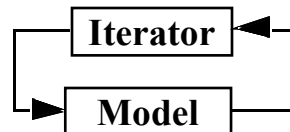
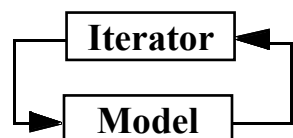
## Gradients

numerical  
analytic

## Hessians

numerical  
analytic  
quasi

## Strategy: control of multiple iterators and models

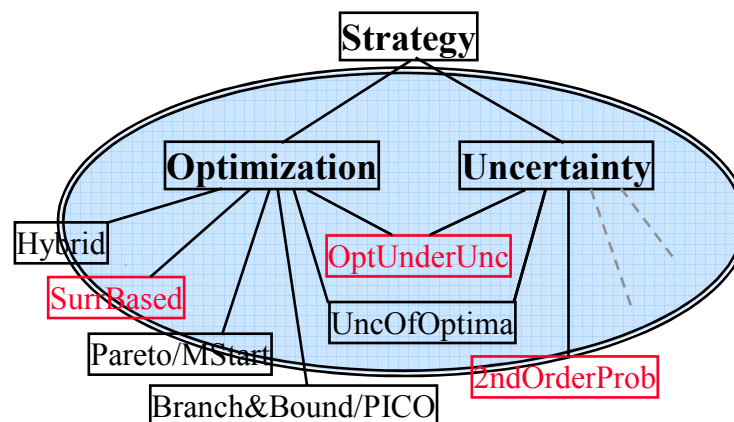


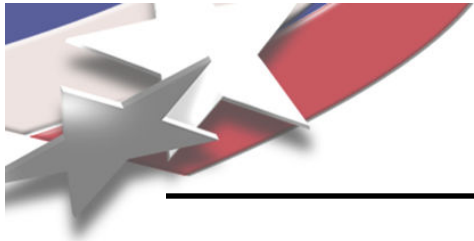
## Coordination:

Nested  
Layered  
Cascaded  
Concurrent  
Adaptive/Interactive

## Parallelism:

Asynchronous local  
Message passing  
Hybrid  
4 nested levels with  
Master-slave/dynamic  
Peer/static





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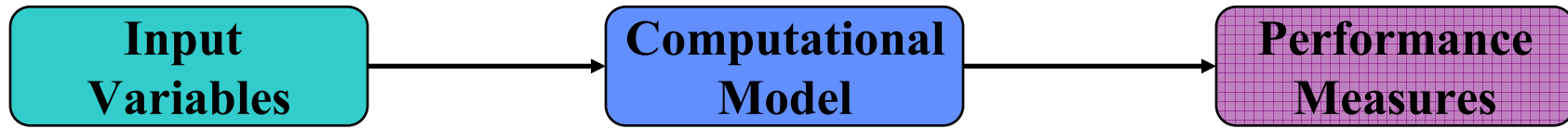
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# Uncertainty Quantification

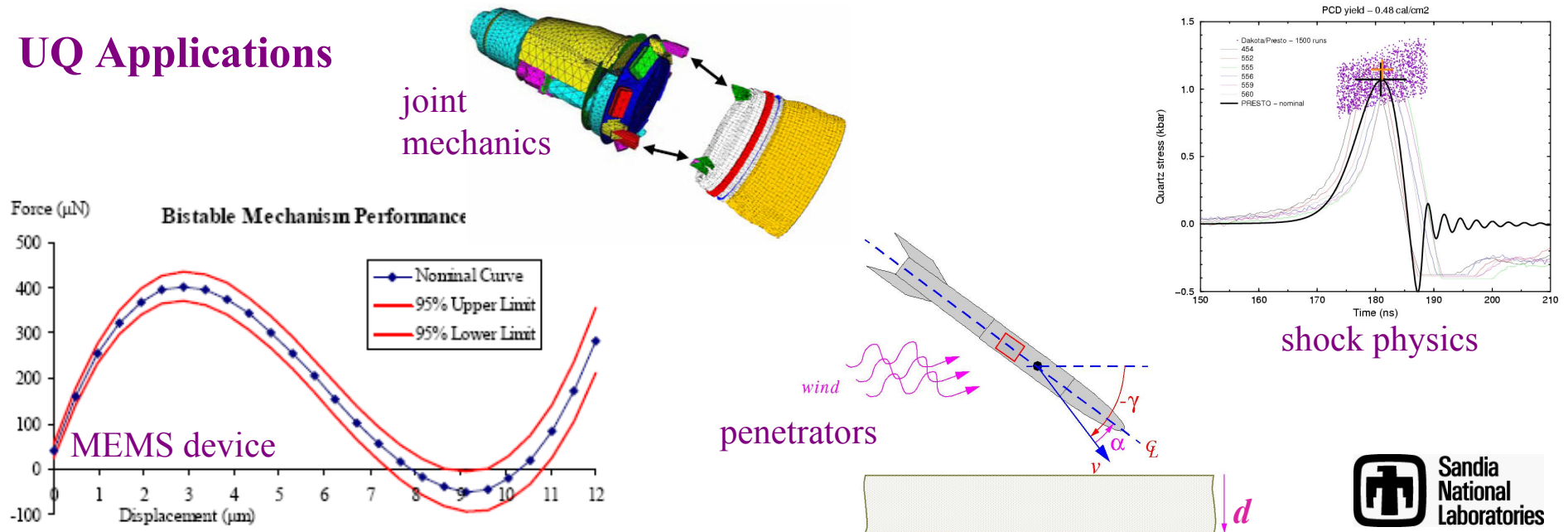
*Forward propagation: quantify the effect that uncertain input variables have on model output*

*Given distributions...*



- GOALS:**
- determine variance of outputs based on uncertain inputs (UQ)
  - identify inputs whose variances contribute most to output variance (global sensitivity analysis)

## UQ Applications







# Uncertainty Quantification Methods

Active UQ development in DAKOTA (**new**, **developing**, **planned**)

– **Sampling:** LHS/MC, QMC/CVT, Bootstrap/Importance/Jackknife  
*Gunzburger collaboration*



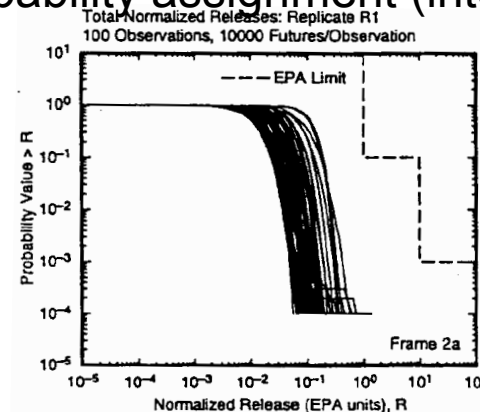
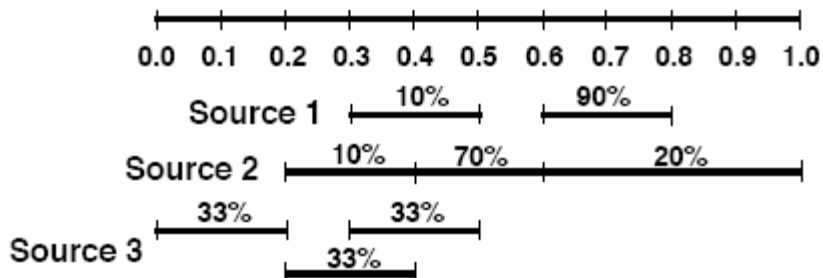
– **Reliability:** Evaluate probability of attaining specified outputs / failure

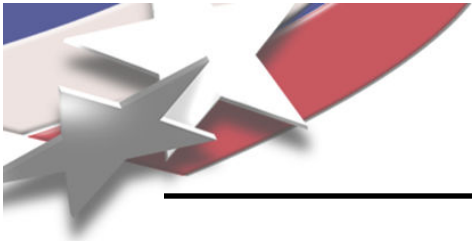
MVFOSM, x/u AMV, x/u AMV+, FORM (RIA/PMA mappings),  
MVSOSM, x/u AMV<sup>2</sup>, x/u AMV<sup>2+</sup>, TANA, SORM (RIA/PMA)  
*Renaud/Mahadevan collaborations*

– **SFE:** Polynomial chaos expansions (**quadrature/cubature extensions**).  
*Ghanem (Walters) collaborations*

– **Metrics:** Importance factors, partial correlations, **main effects**, and  
**variance-based decomposition**.

– **Epistemic:** **2<sup>nd</sup>-order probability**: combines epistemic and aleatory;  
**Dempster-Schafer**: basic probability assignment (intervals);  
**Bayesian**





# Sampling Capabilities

## Parameter Studies

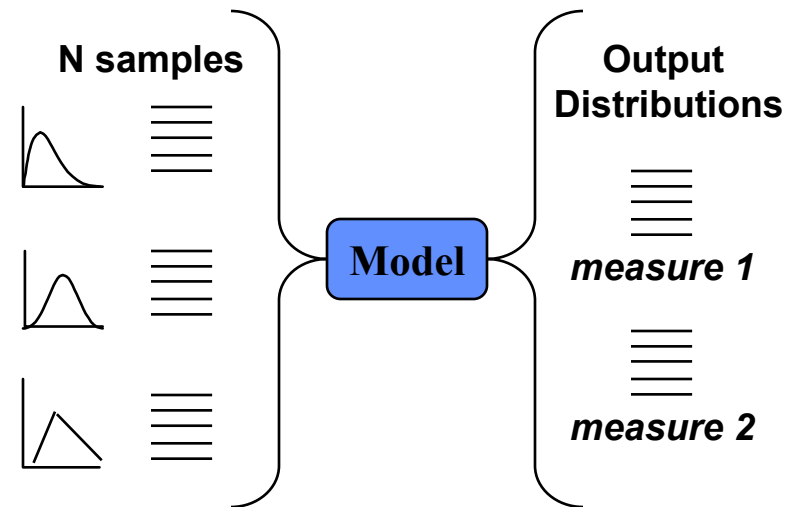
- perturb each variable
- “one-off” or one at a time
- simple but inefficient

## Design of Computer Experiments (DACE) and Design of Experiments (DOE)

- Box-Behnken, Central Composite
- factorial and fractional designs
- orthogonal arrays

## Sampling Methods – typical for forward UQ propagation

- **Standard Monte Carlo**
- **Pseudo-Monte Carlo:** Latin Hypercube Sampling (samples from equi-probability bins for all 1-D projections)
- **Quasi-Monte Carlo** (low discrepancy): Hammersley, Halton
- **Centroidal Voroni Tessellation (CVT):** approx. uniform samples over arbitrarily shaped parameter spaces



*Also useful for constructing data fit or spanning ROM surrogates.*



# Analytic Reliability Methods for UQ

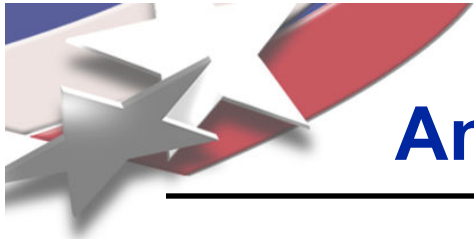
- Define **limit state function**  $g(\mathbf{x})$  for response metric (model output) of interest, where  $\mathbf{x}$  are uncertain variables.
- Reliability methods either
  - map specified response levels  $g(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{z}$  (perhaps corr. to a failure condition) to reliability index  $\beta$  or probability  $p$ ; or
  - map specified probability or reliability levels to the corresponding response levels.

## Mean Value (first order, second moment – MVFOSM)

*determine mean and variance of limit state:*

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_g &= g(\mu_{\mathbf{x}}) \\ \sigma_g &= \sum_i \sum_j \text{Cov}(i, j) \frac{dg}{dx_i}(\mu_{\mathbf{x}}) \frac{dg}{dx_j}(\mu_{\mathbf{x}}) \\ \bar{z} \rightarrow p, \beta &\left\{ \begin{aligned} \beta_{cdf} &= \frac{\mu_g - \bar{z}}{\sigma_g} \\ \beta_{ccdf} &= \frac{\bar{z} - \mu_g}{\sigma_g} \end{aligned} \right. \quad \bar{p}, \bar{\beta} \rightarrow z \left\{ \begin{aligned} z &= \mu_g - \sigma_g \bar{\beta}_{cdf} \\ z &= \mu_g + \sigma_g \bar{\beta}_{ccdf} \end{aligned} \right.\end{aligned}$$

*simple  
approximation,  
but widely used  
by analysts*



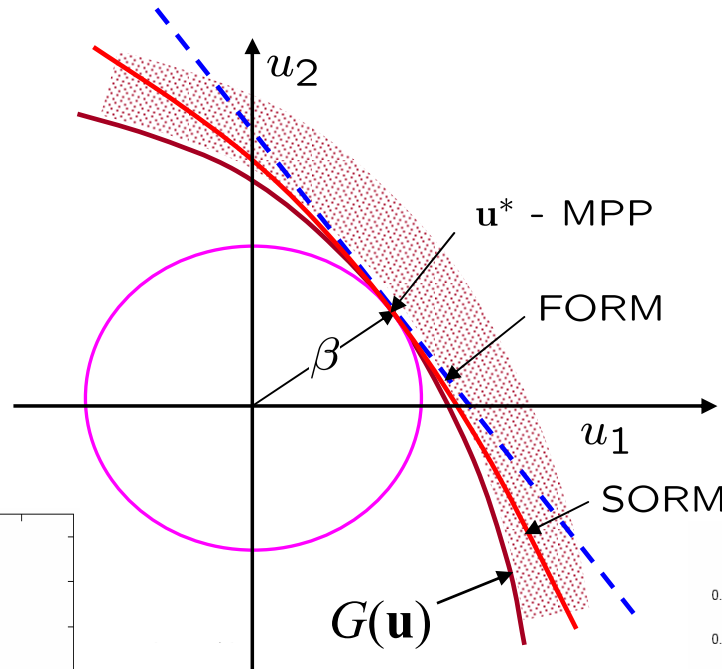
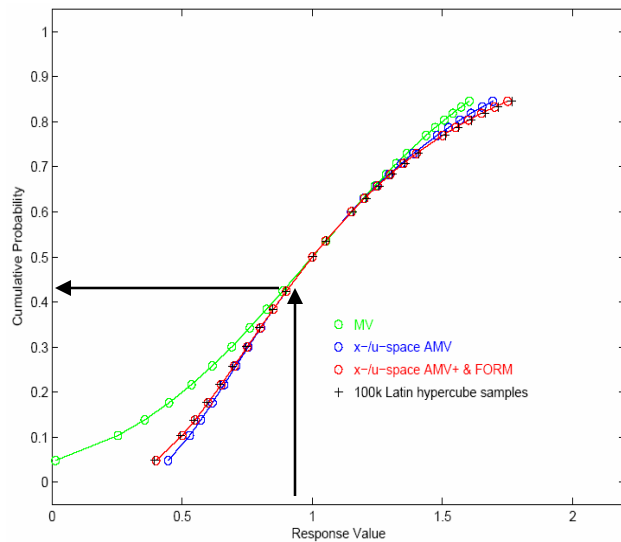
# Analytic Reliability: MPP Search

*Perform optimization in u-space (std normal space corr. to uncertain x-space) to determine Most Probable Point (of response or failure occurring)*

## Reliability Index Approach (RIA)

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} \quad \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u} \\ &\text{subject to} \quad G(\mathbf{u}) = \bar{z} \end{aligned}$$

Find min dist to  $G$  level curve  
Used for fwd map  $z \rightarrow p/\beta$

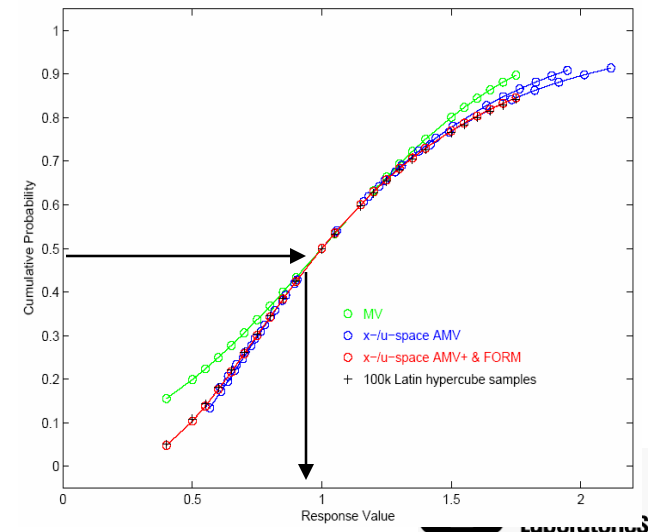


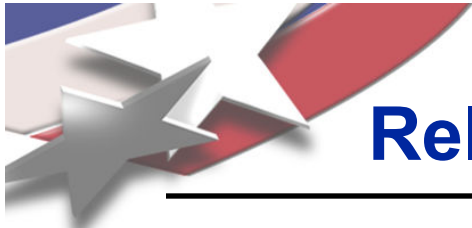
*...should yield better estimates of reliability than Mean Value methods*

## Performance Measure Approach (PMA)

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize} \quad \pm G(\mathbf{u}) \\ &\text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u} = \bar{\beta}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Find min  $G$  at  $\beta$  radius  
Better for inv map  $p/\beta \rightarrow z$





# Reliability: Algorithmic Variations

*Many variations possible to improve efficiency, including in DAKOTA...*

- Limit state linearizations: use a surrogate for the limit state during optimization

$$\text{AMV: } g(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mu_{\mathbf{x}}) + \nabla_x g(\mu_{\mathbf{x}})^T (\mathbf{x} - \mu_{\mathbf{x}})$$

$$\text{u-space AMV: } G(\mathbf{u}) = G(\mu_{\mathbf{u}}) + \nabla_u G(\mu_{\mathbf{u}})^T (\mathbf{u} - \mu_{\mathbf{u}})$$

$$\text{AMV+: } g(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{x}^*) + \nabla_x g(\mathbf{x}^*)^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*)$$

$$\text{u-space AMV+: } G(\mathbf{u}) = G(\mathbf{u}^*) + \nabla_u G(\mathbf{u}^*)^T (\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{u}^*)$$

FORM: no linearization

*(also 2<sup>nd</sup> order approximations – can use full or quasi-Newton Hessians in optimization)*

- Integrations (in u-space to determine probabilities):

$$\text{1<sup>st</sup>-order: } \begin{cases} p(g \leq z) &= \Phi(-\beta_{cdf}) \\ p(g > z) &= \Phi(-\beta_{ccdf}) \end{cases} \quad \text{2<sup>nd</sup>-order: } \begin{cases} p = \Phi(-\beta) \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \beta \kappa_i}} \end{cases}$$

curvature correction

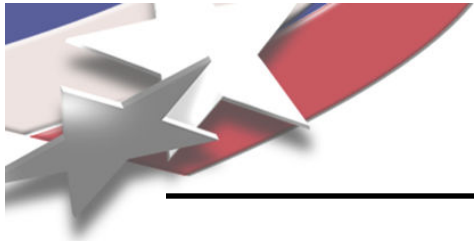
- MPP search algorithm

[HL-RF], Sequential Quadratic Prog. (SQP), Nonlinear Interior Point (NIP)

- Warm starting

*When:* AMV+ iteration increment,  $z/p/\beta$  level increment, or design variable change

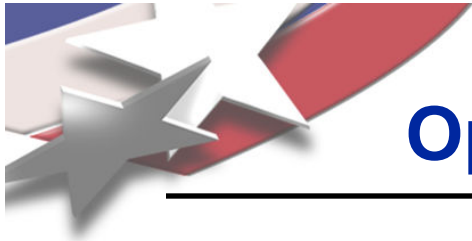
*What:* linearization point & assoc. responses (AMV+) and MPP search initial guess



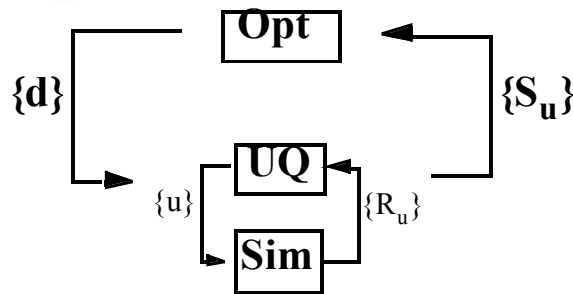
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# Optimization Under Uncertainty



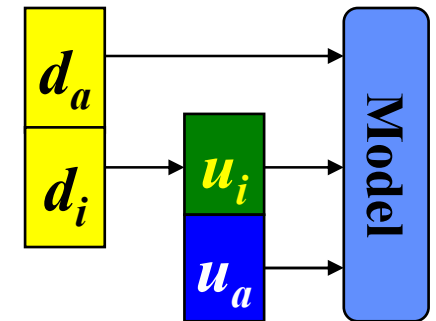
*nested paradigm*

**optimize, accounting for  
uncertainty metrics**  
(use any of surveyed UQ methods)

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & f(d) + W s_u(d) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g_l \leq g(d) \leq g_u \\ & h(d) = h_t \\ & d_l \leq d \leq d_u \\ & a_l \leq A_i s_u(d) \leq a_u \\ & A_e s_u(d) = a_t \end{aligned}$$

## Input design parameterization

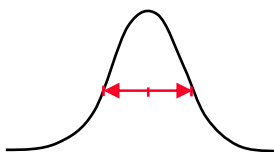
- Uncertain variables **augment** design variables in simulation
- **Inserted** design variables: an optimization design variable may be a parameter of an uncertain distribution, e.g., design the mean of a normal.



## Response metrics

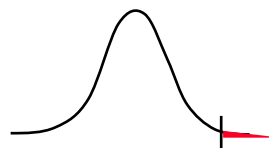
### Robustness:

min/constrain  $\sigma^2$   
or  $G(\beta)$  range



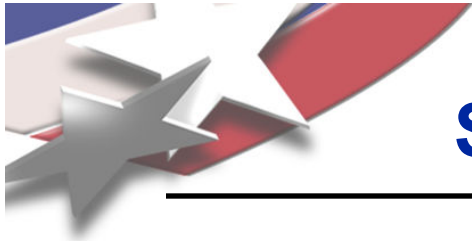
### Reliability:

max/constrain  $p/\beta$   
(minimize failure)



### Combined/other:

pareto tradeoff, LSQ:  
model calibration under  
uncertainty



# Sample of RBDO Algorithms

## Bi-level RBDO

- Constrain RIA  $z \rightarrow p/\beta$  result
- Constrain PMA  $p/\beta \rightarrow z$  result

$$\text{RIA RBDO} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & f \\ \text{subject to} & \beta \geq \bar{\beta} \\ & \text{or } p \leq \bar{p} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{PMA RBDO} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & f \\ \text{subject to} & z \geq \bar{z} \end{array} \right.$$

## Fully analytic Bi-level RBDO

- When nesting UQ analysis, analytic reliability sensitivities avoid numerical differencing at design level

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla_d z = \nabla_d g \\ \nabla_d \beta_{cdf} = \frac{1}{\|\nabla_u G\|} \nabla_d g \\ \nabla_d p_{cdf} = -\phi(-\beta_{cdf}) \nabla_d \beta_{cdf} \end{array} \right. \quad (1\text{st order})$$

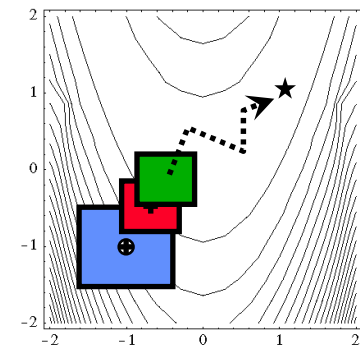
If  $\mathbf{d}$  a distribution param., then expand:

$$\nabla_d g = \nabla_d \mathbf{x} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} g$$

## Sequential/Surrogate-based RBDO:

- Break nesting: iterate between opt & UQ until target is met. Trust-region surrogate-based approach is non-heuristic.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & f(\mathbf{d}_0) + \nabla_d f(\mathbf{d}_0)^T (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{d}_0) \\ \text{subject to} & \beta(\mathbf{d}_0) + \nabla_d \beta(\mathbf{d}_0)^T (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{d}_0) \geq \bar{\beta} \\ & \|\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{d}_0\|_{\infty} \leq \Delta^k \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} 1^{\text{st}}\text{-order} \\ \text{(also 2}^{\text{nd}}\text{-order, ...)} \end{array}$$







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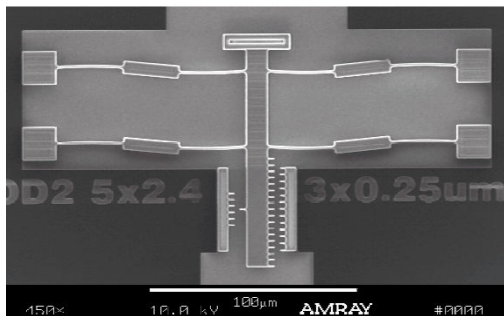
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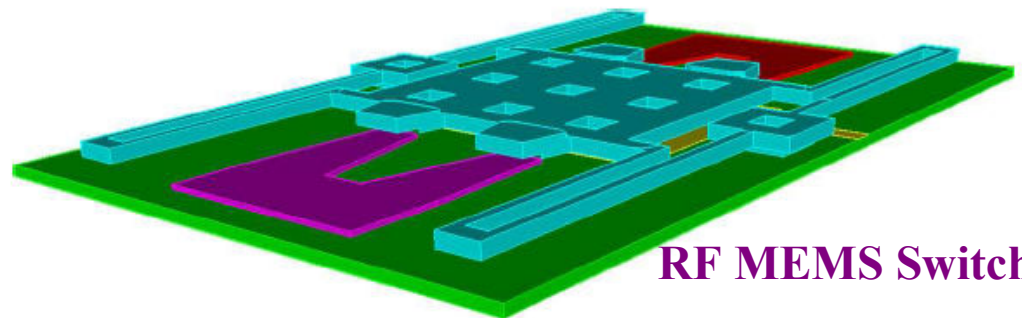


## Engineering Application Deployment: Shape Optimization of Compliant MEMS

- **Micro-electromechanical system (MEMS) designs are subject to substantial variabilities and lack historical knowledge base**
- **Sources of uncertainty:**
  - Material properties, manufactured geometries, residual stresses
  - Data can be obtained → aleatoric uncertainty, probabilistic approaches
- **Resulting part yields can be low or have poor cycle durability**
- **Goals: shape optimization to...**
  - Achieve prescribed reliability
  - Minimize sensitivity to uncertainties (robustness)
- **Nonlinear FE simulations**
  - ~20 min. desktop simulation expense (SIERRA codes: Adagio, Aria, Andante)
  - Remeshing during shape design with FASTQ/CUBIT or smooth mesh movement with DDRIV
  - (semi-analytic)  $p/\beta z$  gradients appear to be reliable

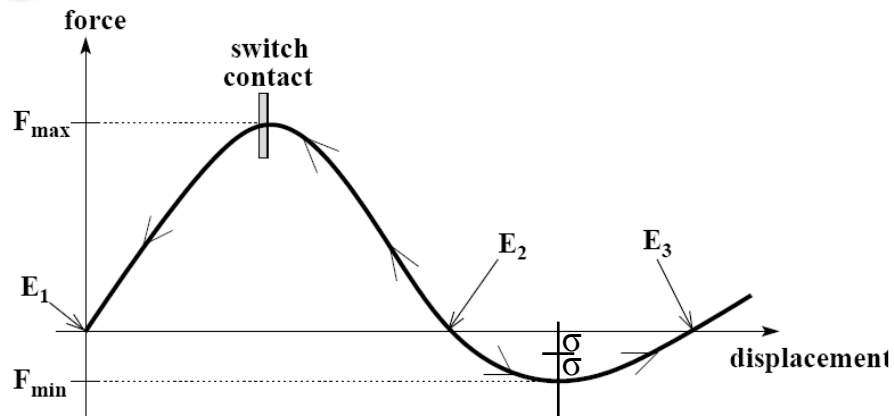


**Bi-stable  
MEMS Switch**



**RF MEMS Switch**

# Bi-Stable Switch: Problem Formulation

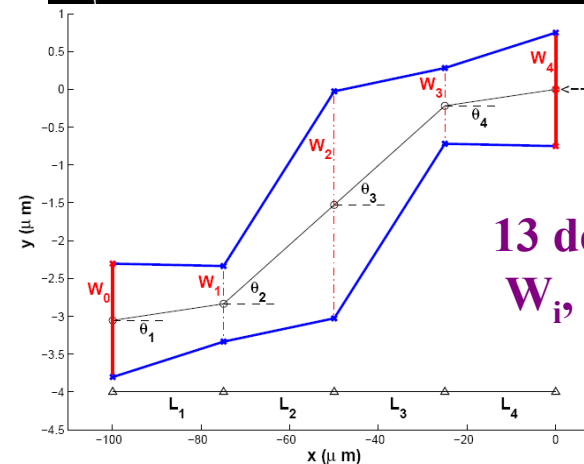
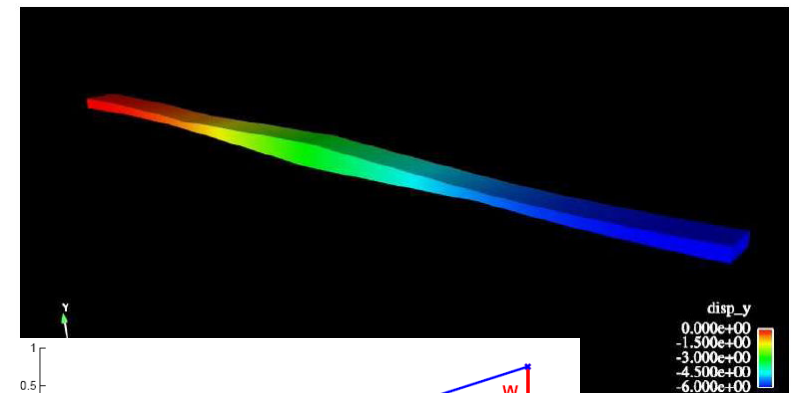
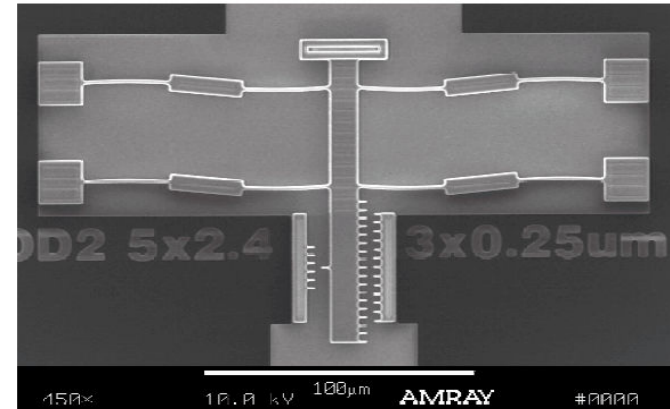


simultaneously reliable AND robust designs

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\max && F_{min}(d, \mu) \\
 &\text{s.t.} && 2 \leq \beta(d) \\
 &&& 50 \leq F_{max}(d, \mu) \leq 150 \\
 &&& E_2(d, \mu) \leq 8 \\
 &&& S_{max}(d, \mu) \leq 1200
 \end{aligned}$$

2 random variables

variable	mean	std. dev.	distribution
$\Delta w$	$-0.2 \mu m$	0.08	normal
$S_r$	-11 Mpa	4.13	normal



13 design vars  $d$ :  
 $W_i, L_i, \theta_i$

## Bi-Stable Switch: Results (DOT/MMFD)

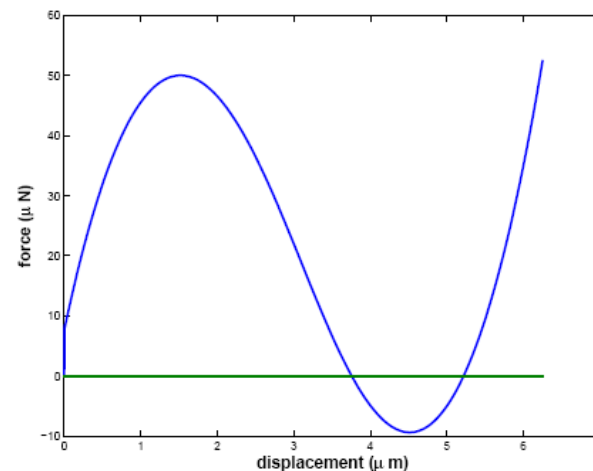
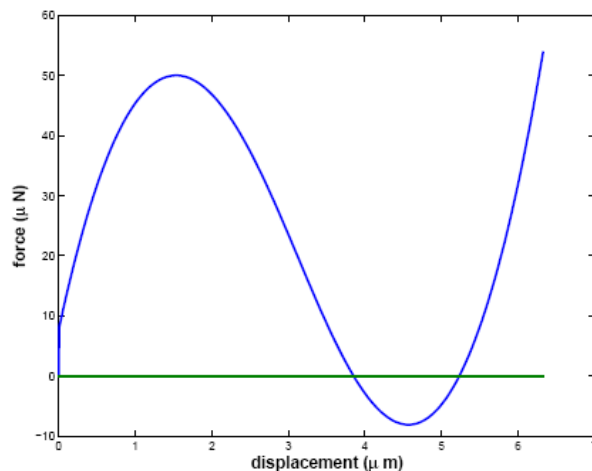
lower bound	RBDO metric	upper bound	MVFOSM initial	MVFOSM optimal	AMV+/FORM initial	AMV+/FORM optimal
2	$F_{min} (\mu N)$	150	-23.03	-8.08	-23.03	-9.37
	$\beta$		5.66	2.00	4.02	2.00
50	$F_{max} (\mu N)$	8	67.35	50.0	67.35	50.0
	$E_2 (\mu m)$		4.06	3.85	4.06	3.76
	$S_{max} (MPa)$		396	313	396	323
	Verified $\beta$		4.02	1.75		

**Reliability:** target achieved for AMV+/FORM; target approximated for MV

**Robustness:** variability in  $F_{min}$  reduced from 5.7 to 4.6  $\mu N$  per input  $\sigma [\mu_{Fmin}/\beta]$

**Ongoing:** quantity of interest error estimates → error-corrected UQ/RBDO

MVFOSM-  
based RBDO



AMV+/FORM-  
based RBDO



## Conclusions

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- **Uncertainty-aware design optimization** is helpful in engineering applications where **robust and/or reliable designs** are essential.
- The DAKOTA toolkit includes algorithms for **uncertainty quantification and optimization** of computational models .
- **DAKOTA strategies** enable combination of algorithms, use of surrogates and warm-starting, and leveraging massive parallelism.
- Advanced **analytic reliability techniques may offer more refined estimates of uncertainty** than sampling or mean value methods and may be **more suitable in an optimization context**.
- Further UQ and OPT capabilities are in development as is deployment to additional applications.

**Thank you for your attention!**

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